THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Income-tax Assessees

234. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what was the total number of Income-tax assessees in the country as on 31st March, 1985 and 1986; and

(b) how many of them were in the income group ranging between Rs. 30,000 and 50,000, between Rs. 50,000 and Rs. one lakh, between Rs. one lakh and Rs. five lakhs and above rupees five lakhs during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) The total number of Income-tax assessees in the country as on 31st March, 1985 was 49,37,657. The break up of the assessees according to different income groups as maintained by the Income-tax Department is as under:—

(i) Below taxable limit	12,20,520
(ii) Above taxable limit but upto Rs. 25,000.	21,90,678
(iii) Between Rs. 25,001 and upto Rs. 50,000.	10,53,536
(iv) Between Rs. 50,001 and upto Rs. 1 lakh.	3,83,365
(v) Between Rs. 1 lakh and Rs. 5 lakhs.	82,887
(vi) Above Rs. 5 lakhs.	6,671

The statistics maintained by the Department does not indicate the number of income-tax assessees in the income group of Rs. 30,000 and Rs. 50,000.

The information regarding the number of income-tax assessees as on 31st March, 1986 and their break up according to the income groups indicated above is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House as soon as it is received.

Reliance Loan Mela

235. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to reports published in the 'Indian Express' of May 15, 16 and 17 last regarding "Reliance Loan Mela";

(b) if so, whether investigations have been made as to ascertain the numbers of banks involved and the loans in India and abroad advanced against shares or otherwise;

(c) what was the purpose for which loans were advanced and whether these loans were actually used;

(d) whether some loans were used for purchasing the Reliance shares boosting them in the market; and

(e) what are the findings on the above counts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (e) [Vide answer to the starred question 62(a) to (c) supra]

Profit/Loss Accounts of Public Sector Hotels

236. SHRI KAILASH PATI MISHRA:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of profit/loss accounts of the public sector hotels during the Sixth Plan period and thereafter;

(b) how do they compare with the same category of hotels in the private sector; and